



August 2015

Dear Block Captain,

Thank you for your commitment and involvement in the Neighborhood Watch program. The Mesa Police Department appreciates the time and effort you put in to make your neighborhood and community safe.

Crime Prevention Officers work with block captains year round to keep the Neighborhood Watch program active in your community. As a participant in Neighborhood Watch, the Mesa Police Department is encouraging you to participate in G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods).

This year G.A.I.N. will be held Saturday, November 14, 2015 between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Members of the Mesa Police Department, Mayor and City Council members, as well as others, will be out visiting parties this evening.

The registration form and information packet for G.A.I.N. can be found online at <http://www.mesaaz.gov/residents/police/GAIN>. If you do not have access to a computer, please call your crime prevention officer and request a packet be mailed to you.

Registration for your G.A.I.N. party must be postmarked no later than 5:00 pm on October 22, 2015 to be placed on the visitation list.

Every attempt is made to have someone visit your G.A.I.N. party; visits cannot be guaranteed. For more information, please contact Jerry Quarles at 480-644-2539 or jerry.quarles@mesaaz.gov.

Thank you again for your involvement in this very special and important program. We look forward to seeing you on November 14!

G.A.I.N. FACTS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY!



REGISTERING YOUR G.A.I.N. PARTY:

- A G.A.I.N. registration form is included in this packet. Please fill it out **COMPLETELY** if you will be hosting a G.A.I.N. party on **November 14, 2015**. **Registrations missing ANY information (i.e., time, location, description of activities, main cross streets, etc.) will NOT be accepted.**
- **Please list ONE name as the contact for your party. If you have co-planners, they should be listed in the party description area toward the bottom of the form.**
- You can register your G.A.I.N. party online at www.mesaaz.gov/residents/police/GAIN. Please complete **one** registration form per party, either online **OR** via mail, **but not both**.
- When you register online you will automatically receive a "thank you for registering" response upon submitting your registration.
- G.A.I.N. parties **MUST** be held on **November 14 between 4:00pm and 8:00pm**. Any other day will be counted as a regular Neighborhood Watch event and no registration is necessary. Still notify your Crime Prevention Officer to get credit.
- **DEADLINE TO REGISTER YOUR G.A.I.N. PARTY IS OCTOBER 22, 2015.**
- Please do not send your registration to any other City of Mesa department, such as Neighborhood Services, the Fire & Medical Department, etc. Please make sure to send your registration to the address listed on the G.A.I.N. registration form. Registrations not received in our office by the deadline (October 22) will not be considered for a visit.
- Due to the scheduling process, please list **EXACT** hours of your party. G.A.I.N. visitations are scheduled 14 days in advance and visiting units notified. Units visiting parties are assigned times based on the start/end time of your party listed on your registration form and are assigned many parties to visit.
- Please list the **EXACT** location of your party on your registration form. If the visiting unit cannot find your party, they will most likely leave and go to their next scheduled party.

PLANNING YOUR GAIN PARTY:

- We count on adult communities and subdivisions to help us out and hold one big event in order to make it easier for us to ensure a quality visit. If you do not want a specialty unit visit, you are welcome to hold individual parties and we will consider that your “opt out.” Should you decide to have your party together and receive a specialty unit visit, please work with the activities director or an overall block captain to submit **ONE** registration form with **ONE name listed as the contact**. Additional names of those involved can be written in the same area as your description of activities.
- **A MINIMUM OF TWO HOURS between 4:00pm and 8:00pm is required to be placed on the visitation list.** Please make sure your party is up and running by the start time you indicate on your registration form. It is suggested that you list the starting time 30 minutes later than expected to give your neighbors a chance to arrive and get things going. It is highly recommended that you do not close your party earlier than the end time you list on your registration form. Large parties and those running after 8pm often get the last visits and the visiting guests can stay longer, as needed.
- If you will be having your party in a community park or retention area, please ensure that there will be lights on and no irrigation for at least 3 days prior to your event.
- To reserve a retention basin or park, call 480-644-4298 to obtain a permit. There is a nominal fee. Facilities are on a first come/first serve basis. Please be advised that if an inflatable (moon walk, bounce house, etc.) or other rented equipment/items are used, certain guidelines must be followed. You must submit a copy of your contract with the company providing the inflatable in order to have insurance verified. Again, call 480-644-4298 for additional information.
- Events of 200+ people in a park/retention basin should obtain a permit by calling 480-644-4298. You *may* be required to provide convenience items, i.e. port-a-john, dumpster, etc.
- Party ideas and block party tips can be found at www.mesaaz.gov/residents/police/GAIN.
- **To order barricades for your event, call City of Mesa Transportation at 480-644-2160** at least two weeks prior to your event. Do not call the police department for barricades. If you order barricades and they are not picked up in a timely manner after your event, please call Transportation and let them know.
- **Invitations to dignitaries need to be received by them no later than October 22.** Not all invitations will be accepted due to time limitations. Please get any requests in as soon as possible to both the invited individual and the G.A.I.N. coordinator.

G.A.I.N. DAY:

- If there is an emergency or units scheduled to make visits are called out for other urgent obligations in the city, you may not receive a visit. If the unit scheduled for your party cannot make it, we will TRY to have someone else stop by your party. **AS ALWAYS, THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE A VISIT.**
- **Please do not call police dispatch to ask where your visiting units are or what time they are coming. They do not have that information.** For updated information, which is still subject to last minute changes, call Jerry Quarles at 480-644-2593 the week prior to G.A.I.N.

CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS:

**** PLEASE DO YOUR BEST NOT TO CANCEL YOUR PARTY AFTER THE DEADLINE (October 22).** It takes many hours to collect data, schedule all visiting units, etc. Cancelling AFTER the deadline causes extra work and time for all involved. ******

- If your party changes time or location, please email jerry.quarles@mesaaz.gov. **Time changes received AFTER October 22 will result in the cancellation of any scheduled visit to your party**, as the locations and times are scheduled to work around one another. **ANY CHANGES IN PARTY TIME ALTERS EVERY PARTY INVOLVED ON THAT UNIT'S VISITATION LIST.**
- Visits will be made, even in the rain. In case of rain, it is advised that you move your party into a garage or carport. **If you cancel your party on November 14**, at any time and for any reason, including weather, please call and leave a message at **480-644-2539**.

GET CREDIT FOR YOUR G.A.I.N. PARTY:

- After your G.A.I.N. party, please make sure to submit your attendance sheet online, mail it in or contact your Crime Prevention Officer to get credit. Forms can be found at <http://www.mesaaz.gov/residents/police/divisions/neighborhood-watch/forms>

G.A.I.N. COORDINATORS / CRIME PREVENTION OFFICERS:

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G.A.I.N. PARTY IDEAS

BLOCK PARTY!

- Potluck or BBQ
- Ice cream social
- Chili contest or other food contest
- Decorate bikes
- Pre-Halloween costume party
- Dessert party
- Sidewalk chalk drawing contest
- Pool party
- Progressive dinner
- Pasta party
- Fondue party
- Bring out the big screen and show a movie; pop popcorn
- Have neighbors bring food or other items to donate to a local charity.

THEME PARTY IDEAS

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| Mardi Gras | Murder Mystery |
| Science Fiction | Patriotic |
| Beach Party | Movie/Hollywood |
| Golf | Military |
| Carnival | Game Show |
| Rodeo/Western | Poker |
| TV Show | Music Party |
| Sports | Masquerade Ball |
| Luau | Karaoke |
| Arabian Nights | International Party |
| 1920's (or any decade) | Dinner Theatre |
| Casino/River Boat | Pirate |
| Magic | Disco Night |
| Oscar Night | Sock Hop |
| Tea Party | Comic Book Character |



TIPS FOR HAVING A BLOCK PARTY

- Send out invitations at least 2 weeks in advance. Be sure to give the date, time, and approximate length of the party. Indicate alternate plans should it rain.
- Assign one person to handle the RSVP's for your party, preferably someone with voice mail or an answering machine. In taking an RSVP call, get the caller's name, address, phone number, the number of people coming, and ages of the children. You may also want to write down what type of food that person is planning to bring.
- Have name tags ready with each person's name and house number.
- In addition to the food that people will bring, have one person responsible for paper plates and napkins, one for ice, and another for soda/juice.
- If your GAIN party will be held in the street and you want your street closed, you will need to call 480-644-2160 (City of Mesa Transportation) to arrange for barricades at least 2 weeks before your party. If your party is in the street, you must have barricades. **Please do not call the police department for barricades.**
- If younger children are planning to attend, place some sheets or blankets on the ground. You can even have toys for them to play with.
- Provide several large trash containers.
- Ask guests to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.
- Be generous with food.
- Just in case, have a first-aid kit handy.
- If you barbecue, keep the children far away from the grill.
- Take pictures as souvenirs. Send a few to the police department to post on their Facebook page! Email photos to police.info@mesaaz.gov.
- Ask local merchants to donate food, prizes or gift certificates; even money saving coupons will make good giveaways to those who attend the party.





To Whom It May Concern:

Please recognize this Neighborhood Watch Captain as a registered and active participant in the Neighborhood Watch program.

G.A.I.N. (**G**etting **A**rizona **I**nvolved in **N**eighborhoods) has replaced National Night Out (NNO) in our state. NNO is traditionally held the first Tuesday in August. Mesa's G.A.I.N. is being held on **Saturday, November 14, 2015.**

To help make their G.A.I.N. event successful, any donation you can make to this neighborhood organization would be appreciated.

The City of Mesa and the Mesa Police Department are not 501(c)3 organizations.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

<http://www.mesaaz.gov/residents/police/GAIN>

G.A.I.N. 2015 Registration

Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods



Please join us in celebrating our 18th annual **G.A.I.N.** event to be held on **Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 4pm to 8pm.**

Return this form to the MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT to register your G.A.I.N. party. Deadline for registrations is Thursday, October 22, 2015. **If you are having a party on another date, DO NOT fill out this form.**

Form must be **FILLED OUT COMPLETELY** in order to have your party registered. PLEASE PRINT.

We are (check one): ☐ Neighborhood Watch ☐ TriStar Property ☐ Mobile Home Community ☐ Other _____

Property Name (*apartments/mobile home communities only*) _____

Block Captain: _____ Phone: _____

Party Organizer (if different from Block Captain): _____

Organizer's Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Organizer's E-mail: _____

Location of party if different from above address: _____

Name/Contact Phone Number for the EVENING of GAIN: _____

CLOSEST MAJOR CROSS STREETS (both North/South and East/West streets) **TO PARTY LOCATION:**
(i.e. Gilbert/Brown, Power/Southern) _____

Are you in a gated community? ☐ Yes ☐ No Gate Code: _____

OUR PARTY WILL START AT _____ pm and END AT _____ pm. Your party MUST be at least 2 hours in length between 4pm and 8pm.

Estimated number of adults attending: _____ children: _____

Brief description of activities planned: _____

NOTE: In order to receive a visit by city officials, police and/or fire department, please return **THIS COMPLETED** form to the address below OR register online at

<http://www.mesaaz.gov/residents/police/GAIN>

We will make every attempt to visit parties registered; however, registering your party does not guarantee a visit. Please keep in mind emergencies or other situations may arise, preventing us from visiting. If you do not receive a visit, please accept our apologies.

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District _____ Grid _____
Beat _____ CD _____